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### **CITY OF SAN DIEGO GETS RELIEF ON TWO LEGAL FRONTS**

*Court Grants City Attorney Request for Stay of SDCERS Lawsuit;  
SD County Taxpayers Association Agrees to Dismiss Lawsuit*

**San Diego, CA:** The City of San Diego today received good news on two legal fronts.

First, Superior Court Judge Jeffrey B. Barton granted a 120-day stay requested by City Attorney Michael Aguirre on a lawsuit brought by the San Diego City Employees Retirement System Board (SDCERS). The lawsuit sought to block the City Attorney from exercising his prerogative to be the legal counsel for the Retirement Board.

In the second development, the San Diego County Taxpayers Association agreed to dismiss a lawsuit they had filed against the City which sought to reduce pension benefits due to conflicts of interest on the part of some SDCERS Board members.

“This will now permit all parties to focus their energy on the continuing Federal investigations which have held up certification of City financial statements and prevented the City from obtaining bond financing for vital capital projects,” said City Attorney Aguirre.

Deputy City Attorney Don McGrath, specifically brought in by Aguirre to lead this effort, personally handled both legal matters for the City Attorney’s office. Prior to joining the City Attorney’s Office in January, McGrath was an attorney in private practice and a partner with the law firm of Baker & McKenzie, specializing in bankruptcy and securities litigation.

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